

REMARKS

Claims 1-53 have been presented in this application. Claims 20, 21, 23, and 24 have been previously withdrawn from consideration. Applicants again gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication in the previous Office action that claims incorporating ignition control during engine shutdown are allowable. Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 47-53 are allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 14-17, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyamoto. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 19 to include subject matter relating to ignition control during engine shutdown. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 5, which was itself deemed allowable but objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Amended claim 1 is therefore allowable. Claim 19 has been amended to include ignition control subject matter, which the Examiner indicated was allowable in the prior Office action. In view of these amendments Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 19 are allowable. Claims 2-18, 38, 41, and 44 depend from claim 1, and claims 22, 25-32, 39, 42, and 45 depend from claim 19 and are therefore also allowable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 19.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 3, 6-13, 18, 25-33 and 35-40 are rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyamoto, Miyamoto and Sierk et al., and further in view of additional references. Claims 3, 6-13, 18, 25-32, 38 and 39 depend from claim 1 or claim 19, which are

allowable for the reasons discussed above, and are therefore also allowable for the same and other reasons.

Claim 33 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 34, which was deemed allowable but objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Amended claim 33 is therefore allowable. Claims 35-37, 40, 43, and 46 depend from claim 33 and are therefore also allowable.

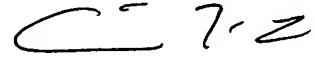
Previously Withdrawn Claims

Claims 20, 21, 23 and 24 were previously withdrawn from consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species. Claims 20, 21, 23 and 24 each depend from claim 19, which is allowable for the reasons discussed above. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 19 is generic with respect to the species claimed in claims 20, 21, 23, and 24 and therefore request re-entry and allowance of those claims.

CONCLUSION

For all of these reasons, entry of the Amendment and allowance of claims 1-53 are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at any time.

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